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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN AS DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF
TECHNICAL COOPERATION (OTC)

SUMMARY: FROM LATEST INFORMATION, IT APPEARS THAT POST OF
OTC DIRECTOR WILL BE FILLED BY USNAT WITHIN UN SYSTEM. USYG
DAVIDSON HAS PROPOSED WM. GOODKING. USUN REQUESTS DEPT'S
CONCURRENCE, AND URGES IT FOCUS ON CANDIDATE FOR GOODKIND'S
SUCCESSOR.

1. SUBSEQUENT TO POPPER/DAVIDSON CONVERSATION THIS SUBJECT,
QUESTION DISCUSSED SEPARATE OCCASIONS SCALI/DAVIDSON AND
MISOFFS/DAVIDSON. LATTER, IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING DISMAY
AT NAMING OF DJERMAKOYE AS COMMISSIONER OF TC, CONTINUES
TO BELIEVE THAT APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR (D-2) OF OTC FROM
WITHIN SECRETARIAT WOULD BE BEST MOVE. DAVIDSON ACCEPTS
FACT THAT AMERICAN SHOULD BE NAMED AND HAS SUGGESTED WM.
GOODKIND WHO FORMERLY IN OTC AND NOW DIRECTOR (D-2) DEPT.
ADM. AND FINANCE OFFICE, ESA.

2. GOODKIND WELL KNOWN TO MISSION AND HAS BEEN MOST FRIENDLY
AND HELPFUL. HE RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO MISOFFS DISSAT-
ISFACTION WITH PRESENT POST DUE TO MANNER IN WHICH DE SEYNES
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HAS ESTABLISHED AND UTILIZES TOP STRUCTURE OF ESA. IN

ADDITION TO BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT OTC OPERATIONS, GOODKIND WELL VERSED IN WHOLE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF UN AND HAS FAVORABLE REPUTATION WITHIN SECRETARIAT, WHICH RECENTLY CONFIRMED IN DISCUSSIONS BY MISOFF WITH NUMBER OF NON-ESA TOP STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED WITH HIM. ONLY CONCERN IS WHETHER HE HAS NECESSARY DYNAMISM, PERSEVERANCE, AND CLOUT TO ASSUME OTC POST WHICH NOW MOST LIKELY BE MORE DEMANDING RESULT OF DJERMAKOYE APPOINTMENT.

3. DAVIDSON ALSO INFORMED SCALI AND MISOFFS THAT RECENTLY HE HAD DISCUSSED OTC PROBLEM WITH UNDP ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF ABOLISHING EXISTING OTC SUPER-STRUCTURE IN FAVOR OF OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. THIS APPROACH AS WELL AS NUMBER OF OTHER ALTERNATIVES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE UN DELIVERY CAPABILITY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND REDUCE OVERHEAD COSTS STUDIED IN DEPTH OVER LAST FEW YEARS BY OFFICE USYG/AM BUT NO ACTION TAKEN TO DATE. PETERSON EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OPTION TO ABOLISH OTC AND THEREFORE EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO SEE PERSON APPOINTED FROM OUTSIDE UN TO OTC POST UNLESS SYSTEM COULD ASSURE ITSELF THAT APPOINTEE COULD BE ABSORBED ELSEWHERE IF THIS OR SIMILAR OPTION EXERCISED IN FUTURE. DAVIDSON OF SIMILAR VIEW. NAME OF GOODKIND THEN SURFACED AS SUCCESSOR TO STIG ANDERSON.

COMMENT: GIVEN ABOVE AND ASSURANCE BY DAVIDSON TO SCALI THAT FORMER WOULD "MANAGE" GOODKIND APPOINTMENT THROUGH BUREAUCRACY, USUN REQUESTS DEPT CONCURRENCE SOONEST SO WE CAN ADVISE DAVIDSON AT SAME TIME. MISSION URGES DEPT. TO FOCUS ON REPLACEMENT FOR GOODKIND SO THAT WHEN VACATED THIS NOT BE LOST TO ANOTHER NATIONALITY. SCALI

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